

LUKE HILTON.

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MARCH 23, 1860.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. TAPPAN, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Luke Hilton, "asking remuneration for injuries sustained while in the employment of the government," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:*

That petitioner in March, 1845, was engaged in distributing monuments on the northeastern boundary, as established by the Ashburton treaty, hauling them on hand-sleds from five to ten miles through snow five feet deep. While thus engaged, in descending a very steep hill, one of his snow-shoes caught, he was thrown down, and the sled passed over him, injuring him severely. For this injury he asks remuneration of the government. Your committee have given the facts as narrated by himself, without any evidence to support them. But supposing them all true, it is hardly necessary to say they lay the basis for no claim whatever against the government, as the government hardly became his insurer against bodily harm or accident. Your committee, therefore, report back the petition, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

